

## Reunion 2000

On June 8, 2000 109 USS Gregory shipmates and spouses met in Branson MO. Shipmates attended the Mike Radford "Remember When" show. Mike paid tribute to USS Gregory shipmates and all veterans as no one else can do. The hospitality room was open from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. and was filled with memorabilia that covered the USS Gregory's history more than any other source. Thanks to all the shipmates for bringing their personal memories. The reunion concluded on the evening of June 11, 2000 with all expressing their farewells at a banquet.

Officials for the new term were elected while in Branson, they are:

Woody Baldrige	President
Don Gappa	Vice President
Andrew Allen	Secretary/Treasurer
Jim Williams	Past President

The next reunion, as voted upon by the shipmates, will be in Baton Rouge, LA. More details will be announced soon.

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## 2000 Reunion Attendees Branson, Missouri June 8-11, 2000

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Andrew Allen &  
Frances Ann  
6/44 - 1/46



Jerry Ammons  
& Bernice  
11/54 - 4/58



Charles Anderson  
& Marie  
1953 - 1957



Woody Baldrige  
& Carole  
1/60 - 1/63



Henry Bergman  
& Emily  
1959 - 1960



Bill Bletso & Martha  
4/44 - 7/45



Willie Bohn &  
Phyllis  
1951 - 1954



Ron Bowersock  
& Mary Anne  
1962



Kenneth Boyer  
& Gloria  
1955 - 1958



Lou Capelli  
7/44 - 10/45



Bill Carpenter  
1959 - 1962



Fred Cobb  
7/44 - 4/46



Patsy DeGennaro  
& Nancy  
7/44 - 1/46



Marv Dworzak  
11/59 - 8/61



Mike Farrington  
1957 - 1960



Don Gappa &  
Sylvia  
4/58 - 8/61



George Hild &  
Dorothy  
1951 - 1952



Harold Howell &  
Junsita  
7/44 - 10/45



James L. Husong  
& Margot



Don Johnson &  
Marian  
1955 - 1957



Richard L. Johnson  
& Ellen  
1953 - 1956



Jerry Jones &  
Rose Marie  
1961 - 1963



Dennis Kellems  
1954 - 1957



Larry Krieg &  
Dianna  
1952 - 1955



Bill LaBruyere  
& Lois



Bill Laing &  
Barbara  
1960 - 1962



Dale W. Lamb  
8/62 - 7/63



Ronald Ludolph  
& Dorothy  
5/67 - 12/62



Donald E. Lynn  
& Jean  
1960 - 1963



Howard C Morgan  
& Corlyss  
1953 - 1955



Richard C Nagel  
& Pat  
1958 - 1960



Roy Nilson  
7/44 - 10/45



Wayne Newport  
& Betty  
7/44 - 10/45



Ford "Whitey"  
Richardson  
4/44 - 10/45



John Richter &  
Velma  
1953 - 1956



Clarence Robinson  
1954 - 1957



Ross Rouly  
1961 - 1964



Charles F. Smith  
& Sharon Moore  
1953 - 1960



Donald W. Snow  
& Mary Ellen  
1959 - 1962



Donald W. Spafford  
& Jane  
1/55 - 7/56



Rex P. Stallings &  
Rudie, & Susan  
6/56 - 5/59



Ray M. Stranberg  
& Wilma  
1951 - 1954



Carl Tindall &  
Yvonne  
9/55 - 12/57



Steve Walkosak &  
Jean  
1959 - 1964



George Williams &  
Rosalie  
9/55 - 12/56



Jim Williams &  
Darlene



Deljuan Wilson  
1961 - 1963



Rebwick Young &  
Doris  
7/44 - 10/45



Gerald Yourczyk  
1951 - 1952



Louis Cappelli Family



Jack R Trimmer & Larue  
3/58 - 3/60



Harold Howell Family

**Previous Administration**

Vice President - Woody Baldrige  
Past President - Ford "Whitey" Richardson  
Secretary/Treasurer - Jim Williams

**New Administration**

President - Woody Baldrige  
Past President - Jim Williams  
Vice President - Don Gappa  
Secretary/Treasurer (sitting) - Andrew Allen



If you didn't have a good time in Branson,  
it's their fault.

Please contact any of the above with suggestions,  
comments, or any other assistance. Our job is to  
serve the shipmates of the association.



You can sleep well tonight, they will.



" What's a WesPac Widow?"



"I don't know who he is, he just keeps  
on talking"



"Oh, he's so cute, What's he saying?"



"What do mean, it's too late to re-enlist?"



"Didn't you read the P.O.D.? It said  
whites, not blues?"



"I don't know why they call him Whitey,  
mines, whiter and I have more of it."



"OK, The reason I called this meeting....."



Plank Owners - "Wait we're not all here"



Plank Owners - "OK, now we're all here"



Early and Mid 50's



"The Babies" Late 50's & Early 60's



George Hild      Jim Husong  
Gerald Yourczyk   Ray Stranberg



"I cant still fit into part of my old uniform.....  
.....my hat"

## The Loyal Order Of The Red Red Rose

The Loyal Order Of The Red Red Rose award is awarded to members of the association that have demonstrated outstanding performance in their support of the USS Gregory (DD-802) Association, Inc. The recipients chosen are men who who have clearly made a difference in supporting and strengthening the association. The winner of this award is chosen by the Board Of Directors of the association.



And the winner is.....



Ford "Whitey" Richardson

Wayne Newport presents the "Loyal Order Of The Red Red Rose" award to Whitey Richardson. Whitey was a board member this year serving as Past President. Knowing that Whitey would never go along as being the recipient of this award fellow board members had a separate election without Whitey and voted. The selection was perhaps the easiest job the Board had during it's term, Whitey was the obvious selection. Because of him we all have had many hours of fellowship, he has been

instrumental in setting up reunions as well as teaching others how to serve the association. Whitey found a vendor to provide the association with the USS Gregory hats and shirts that so many of us proudly wear.

Whitey is a Plank Owner, and served during World War II aboard the USS Gregory as a Gunners Mate. He manned the 40mm during General Quarters and shot down several kamikazes. Wayne Newport was the Gunnery Officer when Whitey served aboard the USS Gregory.

Thanks for the memories, Whitey.

## Reunion Memories

This page is reserved for the posting of pictures pertaining to the reunion by shipmates who wish to share them. Please email pictures to [USSGregoryDD802@aol.com](mailto:USSGregoryDD802@aol.com) and include names, comments, or titles you wish to be included.

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Early 60's Fox Division.....  
& their Foxes



Top Row: Walt Neuman,  
Leno Ravetto, Don Gappa  
Marv Dworzak. Sitting:  
Bill Laing, Bill Carpenter  
Steve Walkosak.



Gregory RVers, Left to Right: Charles  
Smith, Sharon Moore, Woody Baldrige  
Carole Baldrige, Jim Husong, Margot  
Husong, Jean Lynn, and Don Lynn



Wayne Newport presenting the "Loyal Order  
Of The Red Red Rose" award to Whitey Richardson